Listing of MSC System Products Available to Members

- SirsiDynix^{TM} Symphony Library Management System for Consortia
- Enterprise Online Catalog Search Interface.
- Monthly OCLC updates of library member holdings and annual reconciliation of records
- Quarterly Authority record maintenance
- "Directors Station" Statistics and Analytics software.

- EBSCO database integration
- Centralized system hardware and software administration
- 24 x 7 technical support
- IBM production and development servers
- In-person and online training
- Mobile Applications
- Cloud-based applications
- Google discussion groups

MSC Cooperative Cataloging Overview & Catalog Clean-up Proposal

The MSC currently has a "Cataloging Mentor" program in place that assigns professionally trained catalogers from various member libraries for assisting other member libraries with original cataloging and other complicated MSC cataloging procedures or problems. Cataloging mentors help MSC librarians catalog, but do not catalog for them. Cooperative Cataloging would build upon the mentor concept by dedicating a certain amount of time for selected member library staff to assist with original cataloging, copy cataloging and general catalog maintenance in a more formalized manner.

At present time, nearly all records added to the MSC are the result of copy-cataloging and very few are originally cataloged. If original training is determined to be of value, training opportunities should be scheduled under the statewide OCLC group services contract. Based on statistics covering the last two years, the vast majority of MSC copy-cataloging is performed by just 10 libraries. From this standpoint, the MSC already has relatively "cooperative" cataloging without any oversight. This does not need to change.   What we do not have is a comprehensive plan for reconciling duplicate records or cleaning up "bad" records. In the past this has been handled by training interested member library staff, hired temporarily to clean up duplicate records.   Because of hourly constraints on temporary hires this is no longer a feasible option. Rather than hiring members for catalog cleanup, the membership could decide to use the Catalog Cleanup monies to confer cost breaks, based on the number of de-duplicated records, to libraries participating in the "cooperative cataloging" program. This would ensure a cleaner catalog without raising membership fees.

What is MobileCirc

MobileCirc frees you to move around your library and your community with streamlined circulation, inventory, and shelving features in a lightweight mobile application. Take MobileCirc anywhere with native Android and iOS apps or an HTML5 version for laptop browsers. Enjoy an intuitive interface and workflows designed specifically for touch screens. Eliminate unnecessary preparation at your desktop by carrying your circulation client into your stacks. Respond instantly to your community's needs with mobile circulation stations, on-the-spot user registration, real-time lists of items needed to fill holds, and powerful weeding tools.

Feature List:

Add User
Add a user to your library's database.
Check In
Check items in that have been checked out to a user.
Check Out
Check items out to a user.

Deselect
Remove selected items from circulation.
Driver's License Scan
Search for or add a user by scanning that user's driver's license.
Search by alt ID
Look up a user by their alternate ID.
Item Search
Search for items by three separate fields.
Item Status
An item's status can be in its proper collection (for example, checked in), checked out, or in transit.
In-House Use
Mark items as used in-house without leaving the library.
Inventory
Mark items as inventoried by date. Inventory includes three audibles: when a status is not in correct collection, the item is not in the right library, or the item is not the right sequence on the shelves. A Session ID is created for error exceptions.
Kiosk Mode
Give patrons the ability to check in or check out items without the help of a staff member.
Mark Item Missing
Mark items that are missing. Missing items are checked out to a user intended to be associated with all missing materials.
Offline
Work when you do not have a connection to your ILS or when there is no internet connection available.
Modify User
Modify a user that exists in your library's database.
Photo Capture
Take a photo and associate it with a user ID.
Renew Item
Renew an item that has been checked out to a user.
Renew User
Renew all items checked out to a user.
User Search
Search for a user ID by various fields.
Ability to Place and Manage User Holds (not available until Symphony v3.5.1)

MSC Resource Sharing Groups Information and List of Members

The MSC's Sharing Group libraries have agreed to take down walls and share collections for the benefit of their patrons. A patron whose library participates is able to place a hold on an item owned by another partner library in their group. Using a combination of mail and courier service the item is delivered to the patron's home library.

There are three sharing groups. The original group, called the MSC Partners Resource Sharing Group, was formed in 2004 and includes 31 member libraries and branches located throughout the state. Two other partner groups; 4 Rivers Group with 10 members and Gallatin County Libraries (ex-BridgerNet) with 5 members also share patrons within their respective regions.

What libraries are involved?

4 Rivers Sharing Group	Boulder Community Library
	Dillon Public Library
	Madison Valley Public Library – Ennis
	North Jefferson County Library District – Clancy and Montana City

Sheridan Public Library
Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library – Virginia City
Three Forks Community Library
Twin Bridges Public Library
Whitehall Community Library
Whitehall K-12 School Library

Gallatin County Libraries	Belgrade Community Library Bozeman Public Library Manhattan Community School Library Three Forks Community Library West Yellowstone Public Library
Partners Sharing Group	Bitterroot Public Library – Hamilton Darby Community Library Drummond School-Community Library Fallon County Library – Baker ImagineIF Libraries • ImagineIF Kalispell Library • ImagineIF Bigfork Library • ImagineIF Columbia Falls Library • ImagineIF Marion Library • ImagineIF Lakeside (pickup location only) Glendive Public Library Hearst Free Library – Anaconda Lincoln County Libraries • Libby Public Library • Eureka Public Library • Troy Public Library Miles City Public Library Mineral County Public Library – Superior Missoula Public Library & Branches • Big Sky HS Branch Library • Frenchtown School and Community Library • Seeley Lake Branch Library • Swan Valley Branch Library • Missoula Web on Wheels • Lolo School & Community Library • Potomac Branch Library North Valley Public Library – Stevensville North Lake County Library District – Polson Plains District Library Prairie County Library – Terry Rosebud County Library – Forsyth and Colstrip • Bicentennial Library of Colstrip Stillwater County Library – Columbus Whitefish Community Library